

***Business Area #5:
Cambridgeport/Riverside***

Boundaries: bordered by Franklin Street, Cross Street, the B&A Railroad right of way, the Charles River, Flagg Street and Putnam Avenue

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: all businesses between 550 and 900 Memorial Drive, all industrial, retail and restaurants on Brookline, Pearl, Magazine, River and Western to the south of Franklin Street.



Memorial Drive/Lower Cambridgeport

There were no **commercial robberies** reported in the Memorial Drive/Cambridgeport business district over the first six months of 2002. Business district #5 was hit with a rash of gas station robberies last year. The incidents appeared to be crimes of opportunity committed by amateurs and this series has yet to resurface. • While **shoplifting** (-78%) has been on the rise in the other commercial areas of the City, there were only three thefts reported in Memorial Drive businesses. Historically, the majority of shoplifting arrests in this area have been at Microcenter for computer peripherals and compact discs heisted from Strawberries. • **Larceny from the person** (4 incidents) has never been a problem in this area with the few crimes confined to the theft of diner's wallets at local restaurants. • The four **commercial breaks** recorded in this district between January and June were an eclectic grouping that included a school, a hotel storage area, an office and an auto repair shop. There has not been a major commercial burglary pattern in this area since the arrests of a pair of professional that were targeting construction site gang boxes in lower Cambridgeport during 1997. • **Larceny from the building** (-37%) fell into three distinct scenarios: the theft of wallets at local health clubs, laptops from hi-tech offices on weekends with cleaning crews that major suspects, and food and liquor pilfered from hotel storage areas. • **Fraudulent** use of credit cards (+150%) is on the incline with high ticket items such as computer equipment being purchased with phony plastic.

| CRIME | 2 nd Quarter 2001 | 2 nd Quarter 2002 | %CHANGE |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Larceny from Building | 16 | 10 | -37% |
| Larceny from Person | 7 | 4 | -43% |
| Commercial Burglary | 5 | 4 | -20% |
| Commercial Robbery | 2 | 0 | Inc. |
| Shoplifting | 14 | 3 | -78% |
| Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting | 4 | 10 | +150% |